

C introduction

Basic program structure

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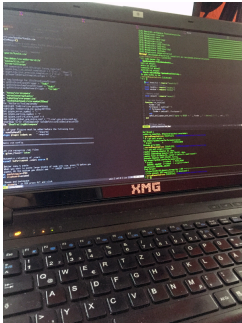
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Hello World!

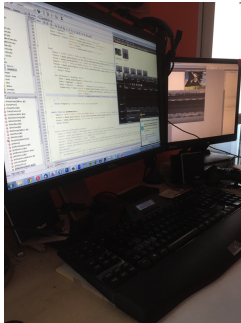
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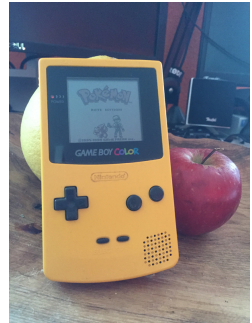
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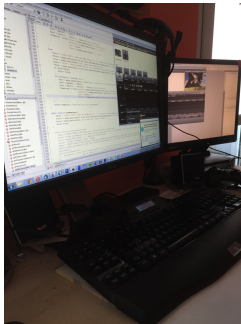


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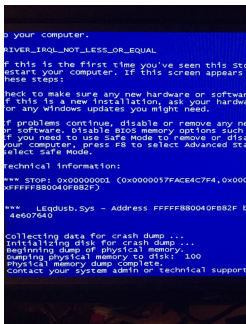


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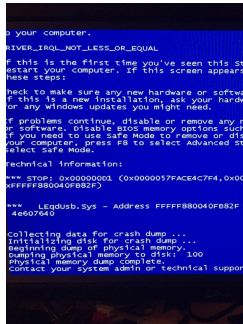


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Installing gcc on Linux

Ubuntu / Debian:

```
$ sudo apt-get install gcc
```

Arch:

```
$ sudo pacman -S gcc
```

... and you're done ;-)

cygwin

- ▶ Download installer from <https://cygwin.com/install.html>
- ▶ Run it
 - ▶ "Install from Internet"
 - ▶ Choose your installation path
 - ▶ Choose path for installation files
 - ▶ "Direct Connection"
 - ▶ Choose a mirror
 - ▶ Important software already is selected
 - ▶ Optional: powerful editor "vim" in *Editors*
 - ▶ Watching loading bars...
 - ▶ ???
 - ▶ Profit!
- ▶ Use cygwin-console like a linux terminal

The first program

- ▶ Create a new file named **main.c**.
- ▶ Open it in your text editor of trust.
- ▶ Fill it as follows:

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
4     printf("Hello World!\n");
5     /* Print "Hello World!" on the
6        command line */
7     return 0;
8 }
```

From source to bits

Source code



```
$ gcc main.c
```

(Preprocessing, compiling, assembling, linking)



Executable program

Linux (**a.out**)

```
$ ./a.out
```

Windows (**a.exe**)

```
$ ./a.exe
```

A basic program

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
4
5     printf("Hello World!\n");
6     /* Print "Hello World!" on the
7        command line */
8
9     return 0;
10 }
```

} Preprocessor statements

} Main function

Preprocessor statements

- ▶ Processed before compilation
- ▶ Have their own language, start with a `#`

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
```

- ▶ Includes the **standard input/output library** (needed for `printf`, which is defined there)
- ▶ Can also be used to define constants and much more, e.g.

```
#define THE_ANSWER 42
```

The main function

- ▶ Basic function
- ▶ Exists **exactly once** per program
- ▶ Called on program start

```
3 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
```

- ▶ As a function, *main()* takes parameters
- ▶ Get used to *argc* and *argv*, they will be explained later
- ▶ '{' marks the start of the main function scope

The main function scope

- ▶ Contains all program statements
- ▶ They are processed from top to bottom

```
9   return 0;  
10 }
```

- ▶ Last statement, ends main function (and thus the whole program)
- ▶ `0` tells the OS that everything went right
- ▶ `'}'` marks the end of the main function scope

Statements

- ▶ Instructions for the computer
- ▶ End with a ; (semicolon)

```
5 printf(" Hello World!\n");
```

- ▶ There is the empty statement:

```
;
```

- ▶ All statements are located in function blocks

Comments

- ▶ Information for the programmer, cut out before compilation

Single line comments:

```
6 // Print "Hello World!" on the command line
```

Block comments (mutli-line):

```
6 /* Print "Hello World!"  
7    on the command line */
```

Better use of block comments:

```
6 /*  
7    * Print "Hello World!"  
8    * on the command line  
9    */
```


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- ▶ **But...**

```
#include <stdio.h>
int
main    (int argc, char *argv[]) { printf("Hello World!\n");
        // Prints
/*"Hello World!"                */
        return 0;}
```

Much more enjoyable

- ▶ Put each statement on a single line
- ▶ Intend every statement in the main function by one tab / 4 *spaces*
- ▶ Use `/* ... */` rather than `// ...`
- ▶ Write the main function arguments directly behind *main*
- ▶ Leave a *space* between the closing `)` and the opening `{`